

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) A method for storing electronic communications for access over a global communications system, the method comprising:
 - establishing a prepaid account including a validation number and an account balance;
 - receiving an electronic communication to said prepaid account;
 - storing said electronic communication in a central repository;
 - logging in to said central repository from a remote computer using the validation number;
 - serving said electronic communication to the remote computer; and
 - decrementing the prepaid account

~~The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic communication is a voice mail,~~ the method further including:

 - receiving a plurality of voice mail communications at the central repository;
 - presenting a list including said voice mail messages for selection to the remote computer;

and

 - serving said selected voice mail message to the remote computer.
3. (Currently Amended) A method for storing electronic communications for access over a global communications system, the method comprising:
 - establishing a prepaid account including a validation number and an account balance;
 - receiving an electronic communication to said prepaid account;
 - storing said electronic communication in a central repository;
 - logging in to said central repository from a remote computer using the validation number;
 - serving said electronic communication to the remote computer; and
 - decrementing the prepaid account

~~The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic communication is a voice mail,~~ wherein the electronic communication is a facsimile, the method further including:

 - receiving a plurality of facsimile communications at the central repository;
 - presenting a list including said facsimiles for selection to the remote computer; and
 - serving said selected facsimile to the remote computer.
4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A method for storing electronic communications for access over a global communications system, the method comprising:

- establishing a prepaid account including a validation number and an account balance;
- receiving an electronic communication to said prepaid account, the electronic communication being received in a non-web-compatible format;
- converting the electronic communication to a web compatible format;
- storing said converted electronic communication in a central repository;
- logging in to said central repository from a remote computer using the validation number;
- serving said converted electronic communication to the remote computer; and
- decrementing the prepaid account responsive to.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the electronic communication is a voice mail, the method further including:

- receiving a plurality of voice mail communications at the central repository, wherein the voice mail communications are received in a non-web-compatible format;
- converting the voice mail communications to a web-compatible format;
- presenting a list including said converted voice mail messages for selection to the remote computer; and
- serving said selected voice mail message to the remote computer.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the non-web-compatible format is a VOX format.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the web-compatible format is a WAV format.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the electronic communication is a facsimile, the method further including:

- receiving a plurality of facsimile communications at the central repository, wherein the facsimile communications are received in a non-web-compatible format;
- converting the ~~voice-mail~~ facsimile communications to a web-compatible format;

presenting a list including said converted facsimiles for selection to the remote computer; and
serving said selected facsimile to the remote computer.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the web-compatible format is a JPEG format.